

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 19, 2017

***Gathering Songs:** “Over my head” #18 STJ
“O [Holy God], thy name we praise” #32 HWB

***Welcome and Call to Worship** based on Psalm 130
Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our voices!
People: Let your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy.
We trust in you, O God; we trust in your word.
Our souls wait for you, more than sentinels wait for the dawn.
With you is faithful love and plentiful redemption.
All: You will redeem us from all of our sin and failure.

***Hymn:** “From the depths of sin” #136 HWB

Children’s Gathering Song: “Come and see” #20 HWB
Children’s Time: ~ Hermann Weinlick

Musical Offering: “Alabaster Box” ~ Shvonne Johnson

Scripture reading: Luke 7:36-50

Sermon

Hymn: “Healer of our every ill” #377 HWB

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. AMEN

Offering and Offertory

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***Sending hymn:** “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song” #14 STJ

***Benediction**

***Sharing the sign of peace / Postlude**

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

**Please stand if you are able*

STJ: Sing the Journey

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship

11:00 Christian Education Classes for all Ages. Two adult book study classes began last Sunday and welcome additional participants: *Written That You May Believe: Encountering Jesus in the Fourth Gospel*, by Sandra Schneiders (Fellowship Hall), and *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, by Drew Hart (Sanctuary). Books are available for purchase.

TODAY: Forgiven at Jesus’ feet

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Lea Graber

Reader: Jef Winterlin

Nursery: Andrew Wright, Cynthia Miller

Sermon: Shvonne Johnson

Organ: David Mayou

Ushers: T. Lusk, M. Sundseth

Fellowship: Hendricks

We welcome guest speaker Shvonne Johnson, a member of Kwanzaa Community Church in North Minneapolis. Shvonne is a poet, teacher, and activist who speaks on race, education and society. Her deepest hope is that through every gift that God has given her she is able to offer strength, comfort, and hope in a season of challenge, strife, and fear.

NEXT SUNDAY: Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-45)

Worship leader:

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: Geissinger, Hoskins

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Melissa Falb

Nursery: M. Hochstetler, K. Wiebe

Feb 12:

Attendance: 92

**Offering: Local budget \$2132
Deacon’s Fund \$100**

Thanksgivings: We celebrate the birth of Anja, born to Elena and Dylan Vidas; Bruce Brunner and Donna Minter celebrate the birth of their new grandchild, Willow; Gregg Richardson gives thanks for son Emory’s acceptance into a PhD program at Yale University; Stew Thornley is grateful for the upcoming opportunity to travel to Mexico for the World Baseball Classic and Brenda’s opportunity to work beside him as a translator; Ry Siggelkow is grateful for his brother Charlie’s willingness to step in as song leader this Sunday.

Concerns: Jenny Wandersee requests prayers for discernment about how best to meaningfully contribute during this time of political upheaval; Orv & Cleta Gingerich request prayer as they travel to California for a Mennonite Central Committee re-entry retreat.

A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,
Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green

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FMC office hours: February 20 – 24

Ry: Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tuesday, Wednesday 10-3

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon. Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: In this time of upheaval where immigration is concerned, pray that the religious worker visa for Pastor Max Villatoro will be approved so that he can return to his family and leadership position at Torre Fuerte.

Come pray for our church and community! Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please look for persons with the purple “deacon” ribbon or the green “prayer” ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

Since our Annual Congregational Meeting in January, the **FMC Sanctuary Church Coalition** has met several times. We are currently gathering resources and information, working closely with the local immigrant-led organizing group, Asamblea de Derechos Civiles (Civil Rights Assembly). We will keep the congregation updated as we move forward in discerning the best and most faithful ways our congregation can respond to the recent executive orders and actions and the recent surge in raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) across the country and in Twin Cities. If you would like to join our coalition, please send Ry Siggelkow an email (ry.siggelkow@faithmennonite.org) and he will keep you "in the loop" on any upcoming meetings and gatherings.

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org)

Feb 21 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Feb 21 – March Newsletter items to G. Richardson by noon

Feb 22 – Octavia Butler Book Conversation, 7 p.m., Able Seedhouse, Mpls.

Feb 23 – FMC Men’s Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, Mpls.

Feb 25 – Missions & Service Commission retreat, 9 a.m., FMC chapel

Feb 25 – Clothing Exchange, 4 p.m., Kristin Green’s home

Feb 25 – Youth Overnighter, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Mar 8 – Deacon Commission, 7 p.m., Kristin Green’s home

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." ⁴¹"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God within us,
For the word of God among us,

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements

2016 giving statements are in your church mail folders. Thank you!

The **conversation about Octavia Butler's *The Parable of the Sower* will be this Wednesday, Feb. 22**, 7 p.m. at Able Seedhouse + Brewery (1121 Quincy St NE, Mpls, MN 55513). -*Ry Siggelkow*

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Tomorrow, Feb 20, is the monthly "Breaking Bread Free Meal" at Café Racer Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 2929 E 25th St. "We like to open our doors to host a free lunch that is open to everyone. Our hope has been to create a space that all people can come, enjoy fellowship, and engage in conversation while in a safe place." Volunteers are also welcome; to volunteer, please email caferacermn@gmail.com.

The FMC Men's Breakfast is now recurring monthly on the last Thursday, at Curran's Restaurant in Mpls., beginning at 7 a.m. Mark your calendars for Feb. 23!

JRLC Day on the Hill is Feb. 23rd - The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition of Minnesota (JRLC) offers a practical action in this time of political uncertainty: its annual "Day on the Hill." Each year the JRLC, an interfaith witness of Christians, Jews, and Muslims, adopts a state legislative agenda aimed at issues and legislation that serve the common good. This event features an invited speaker (this year's speaker is Lisa Sharon Harper, chief Church Engagement Officer at Sojourners in Washington, DC), issues briefings, strategy sessions with others from the same congressional district and meetings with legislators. Register at www.jrlc.org.

Clothing exchange at Kristin Green's house on Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. Bring the clothes you want to get rid of or bring nothing and leave with a bunch of free clothes.

SAVE the DATE: All Church Council and Commission Members are invited to the **Annual Council & Commission retreat, Saturday, Mar. 11, 9 – noon.**

Invitation to Interfaith Seder at Temple Israel, March 26, 1-4 p.m. We have received an invitation for up to five persons to attend the annual Interfaith Seder that Temple Israel offers for learning and social exchange between Jews and people of other faith communities in Mpls. during the period preceding Passover. We need to RSVP by Feb. 27, so **please contact Joetta by Feb. 22 if you would like to attend.** This is for youth and adults.

Snow time (maybe)! We ask for volunteers to please help keep our walkways clear for Sunday morning worship services. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. -*The Trustees*